"I sometimes think I was born reading. I can't remember the time when I didn’t have a book in my hands, my head lost to the world around me.”

What Vivian Gornick did not say when she wrote these sentences was how often the book in her hands was one she had read a number of times before. It became her habit to re-read the books that had repeatedly seemed important to her, in order to see whether or how much they had changed—as she had changed. For Gornick, re-reading is one of the primary ways in which we capture the meaning of our own accumulated experience. In this talk, she will take us along on her own journey of self-discovery through some of the re-readings that have meant the most to her.


For more information, visit bit.ly/Gornick-IHC.

The talk will be followed by audience Q&A, a reception, and book signing. Copies of Gornick’s books will be available for purchase, courtesy of Chaucer’s Books.

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